



News Advisory

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Governor Huntsman's Initiative on Health Insurance for the Uninsured to Hold Town Meetings

- WHAT:** A series of town meetings with local business leaders will be held to: discuss possible ways to expand health insurance coverage, both short and long term; to find out what business leaders think of various options and see if they have other ideas that should be considered; and to listen to concerns, challenges and related issues.
- WHEN & WHERE:** Thursday, October 6, 2005 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
St. George, Dixie Regional Medical Center (Zion room in basement)
- Monday, October 17, 2005 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
100 East Center St., Provo (County Commission Room #1400)
- Tuesday, October 25, 2005 – 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
160 North Main St., Logan (Vern Bray room)
- Ogden and Salt Lake City – date, time, and place to be determined
- WHO:** Dr. David N. Sundwall, Executive Director
Utah Department of Health
- Kent Michie, Commissioner
Utah Insurance Department
- Dr. Richard Sperry, Director
Governor Scott M. Matheson Center for Health Care Studies, University of Utah
- Local business leaders
- WHY:** Ten percent of Utahns do not have health insurance. On May 3, 2005, Governor Huntsman held the Utah Summit on Health Insurance Coverage for the Uninsured. As a result of the Summit, a workgroup was established to guide the formulation of solutions that will reduce the number of uninsured Utahns from ten percent to five percent by 2010. The workgroup recognizes the important role that businesses and employers must play in this initiative. Leaders hope that through these local meetings, businesses and employers will become involved in a dialog to help achieve the ambitious goal of reducing the number of Utah's citizens without health insurance by more than 125,000 in the next five years.